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Baden-Baden
Germany
3 May 1946.

EMIL P U H L, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. My name is EMIL P U H L. I was born on 28 August 1889 in Berlin, Germany. I was appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the Reichsbank in 1935 and Vice President of the Reichsbank in 1939, and served in these positions continuously until the surrender of Germany.

2. In summer of 1942, WALTER F U N K, the President of the Reichsbank and the Reich Minister of Economics had a conversation with me and later with Mr. Friedrich Wilhelm, who was a member of the Board of Directors of the Reichsbank. F U N K told me that he had arranged with Reichsführer H I M M L E R to have the Reichsbank receive on safe deposit gold and jewels for the SS. F U N K directed that I should work out the arrangements with P O H L, who, as head of the Economic Section of the SS was in charge of the administration of the economic aspects of the concentration camp program.

3. I asked F U N K what the source was of the gold, jewels, banknotes and other articles to be turned over by the SS. F U N K replied that it was confiscated property from the Eastern occupied territories but that I should ask no further questions. I protested against the Reichsbank handling this material. F U N K stated that we were to go ahead with the arrangements for handling the material, and that we were to keep the matter absolutely secret.

4. I arranged subsequently with one of the responsible officials in charge of the cash and vault departments for receiving the materials, and reported the matter to the Board of Directors of the Reichsbank at its next meeting. P O H L of the Economic Section of the SS, on the same day telephoned me and asked if I had been advised of the matter. I said I would not discuss it by telephone. He came to see me and reported that the SS had some jewelry on hand for delivery to the Reichsbank for safe keeping. I arranged with him for delivery and from then on deliveries were made from time to time, from August 1942 over the following years.

5. The material deposited by the SS included jewelry, watches, eye glass frames, dental gold and other gold items in great abundance taken from Jews, concentration camp victims and other persons by the SS. This was brought to our knowledge by SS personnel who attempted to convert this material into cash and who obtained in this connection the assistance of the Reichsbank personnel with F U N K's approval and knowledge. In addition to jewels and gold and other such items the SS also turned over banknotes, currency and securities to the Reichsbank to be handled in the usual legal procedure established for such items. As far as the jewelry and gold were concerned, F U N K told me that H I M M L E R and von K R O S I G K, the Reich Minister of Finance had reached an agreement that the gold and similar material was on deposit for the account of the Reich and that the proceeds resulting from the sale thereof would be credited to the Reich Treasury.

6. From time to time, in the course of my duties, I visited the vaults of the Reichsbank and observed what was in storage. F U N K, in the course of his duties, also visited the vaults from time to time.

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7. The Golddiscont Bank, at the direction of F U N K, also established a revolving fund which finally reached 10 to 12 million reichsmarks for the use of the Economic Section of the SS to finance production of materials by concentration camp labor in factories operated by the SS.

I am conversant with the English language and declare that the statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness: _____ EMIL P U H L

Sworn and subscribed to before me on the third of May 1946 at Camps d'Altschweier, Baden-Baden.

DANIEL F. MARGOLIS
1st Lt. AUS

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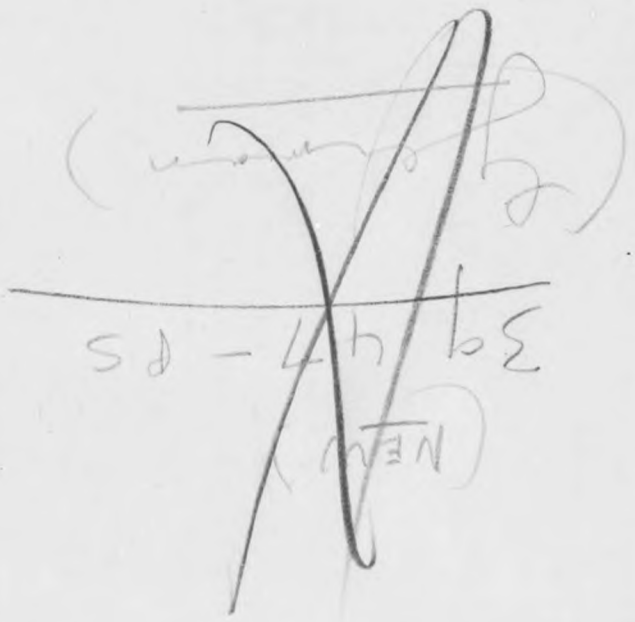

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